## The Lady's Dream.

The lady lay in her bed,
Her couch so warm and soft,
But her sleep was restless and broken still;
For turning often and oft From side to side, she muttered and moan'd, And toss'd her arms aloft.

At last she started up, And gaz'd on the vacant air, With a look of awe, as if she saw Some dreadful phantom there: And then in the pillow she buried her face From visions ill to bear.

The very curtain shook Her terror was so extreme,
And the light that fell on the broider'd quilt
Kept up a tremulous gleam;
And her voice was hollow and shook as she cried,
"Oh me! that awful dream!

"That weary, weary walk,
In the churchyard's dismal ground!
And those horrible things with shady wings
That came and flitted round.—

Death, death, and nothing but death, In every sight and sound. "And oh! those maiden's young, Who wrought in that dreary room,

With figures desoping and speatres ship.
And cheeks without a bloom;— And the voice that cried, 'For the pomp of pride, We haste to an early tomb!

"' For the pomp and pleasures or pride,
We toil like Afric slaves,
And only to earn a home at last
Where yonder cypress waves;'
And then he pointed—I never saw
A ground so full of graves.

" the coffins came
" readful trains and slow;
Coffin after coffin still,
A sad and sickening show;
From grief exempt, I never had dreampt
Of such a world of woe. Of the hearts that daily break, of the tears that hourly full.

Of the tears that hourly fall.
Of the many, many troubles of life
That grieve this earthly ball—
Disease and hunger, pain and want,
But now I dreampt of them all. "For the blind and the cripple were there, And the babe that pined for bread, And the houseless man, and the widow poor Who begged—to bury the dead. The naked, alsa, that I might have clad, The famished I might have fed!

"The sorrow I might have soothed,
And the unregarded tears;
For many a thronging shape was there
From long forgotten years;
Ay, even that poor rejected Moor,
Who rais'd my childish fears!

"Each pleading look, that long ago I scann'd with a heedless eye— Each face was gazing as plainly there As when I passed it by; Woe, woe for me if the past should be Thus present when I die!

"No need of sulphurous lake,
No need of fiery coal,
But only that crowd of human kind
Who wanted pity and dole:
In everlasting retrospect
Will wring my sinful soul!

"Alas! I have walked through life To beedless were I trod;

Nay, belying to trample my fellow worm

And fill the burial sod, Forgetting that even the sparrow falls Not unmarked of God.

"I drank the richest draughts And ate whatever is good— Fish, and flesh, and fowl, and fruit, Supplied my hungry mood;
But I never remembered the wretched ones
That starve for want of food.

"I dressed as the noble dress, In cloth of silver and cold. With silk and satin and costly fors in many an ample fold; But I never remembered the naked limbs That froze with winter's cold.

"The wounds I might have healed! The human sorrow and smart! And yet it never was in my soul To play so ill a part; But evil is wrought by want of thought,

"She clasp'd her fervent hands, And the tears began to stream; Large, and bitter, and fast they fell, Large, and bitter, and the Remorse was so extreme;
And yet, oh yet, that many a dame
Would dream the Lady's dream.
Thomas Hood.

Compression of the Feet of Chinese Women.

Miss Norwood, an American missionary at Swatow, has published a description of the process employed to reduce the size of the feet of Chinese women. The binding of the feet is not begun until the child has learned to walk and to do certain other things which she could not well be taught to do afterward. The bandages employed are manufactured for the purpose, and are about two inches wide and two yards long for the first year, five yards long for the subsequent years. The end of the strip is laid on the inside of the foot, drawing the four toes with it down upon the sole; thence it is passed over the foot and around the heel; and by this stretch the toes and the heel are drawn together, leaving a bulge on the instep and a deep indentation in the sole under the instep. This course is pur-sued with several layers of bandage, until the strip of cloth is all used, and the end is then sewed tightly down. The "indentation" should measure about an inch and a half from the part of the foot that rests on the ground up to the instep. The toes are drawn completely over the sole, and the foot is so squeezed upward that, in walking, only the ball of the great toe touches the ground. Large quantities of powdered alum are used to prevent ulceration and lessen the offensive odor. At the end of the first mouth the foot is put into hot water, and, after it has been allowed to soak for some time, the bandage is carefully unwound, "the dead cuticle, of which there is much, being abraded during the process of unbinding." Ulcers and other sores are often formed on the foot, and "frequently, too, a large piece of flesh sloughs off the sole, and it sometimes happens that one or two toes drop off."
When this happens, the woman considers herself amply repaid for the additional suffering by having smaller and more delicate feet than her neighbors. Each time the bandage is taken off, the foot is kneaded, to make the joints more flexible, and is then bound up again as quickly as possible with a fresh bandage, which is drawn up more tightly. During the first year the pain is so intense that the sufferer can do nothing, and for about two years the foot aches continually, and has to endure be-sides a pain like the pricking of short needles. If the hinding is kept up rigorously, the foot in two years becomes dead and ceases to ache, and the whole leg, from the knee downward, becomes shrunken to be little more than skin and bone. When once formed, the "golden lily," as the Chinese lady calls her delicate little foot, can never recover its original shape, and, when uncovered, it is so unsightly that women object to take off their bandages even before members of their own family.

A MATTER OF CALCULATION .- Marriage brokers are quite important business men in Genoa. They have pocket-books fiiled with the names of the marriageable girls of the different classes, with notes of their figures, personal attractions, fortunes, &c.
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they get a commission of two or three particles.

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cent. upon the portion. Marriage at Genoa is quite a matter of calculation, generally settled by the parents or relations, who often draw up the contract before the parties have seen one another, and it is only when everything is arranged, and a few days previous to the marriage-ceremony that the future husband is introduced to his intended partner for life. Should be find fault with her manners or appearance be may brake off the match on condition of defraying the brokerage and any other expenses incorred.

Basuto Land.

Basutoland may be described as the Walco of South Africa. It is a little province fitted in at the north-east corner of Cape Colony, between the Orange Free State, the Cape Colony and Natal. It is about 150 miles long by 50 broad, its length running parallel to the Orange Free State, or, roughly speaking, nearly parallel at some distance inland with the coast line. Some of its table-lands are nearly 5,000 feet above the sea, while its loftiest mountain is credited with a height of 10,-000 feet. The cold weather throughout the whole of Basutoland is very severe in the months of June, July, August and even September. One of the wings of the Cape Mounted Rifles marching up from Kostad, in Griqualand East, to Mascru, the chief station in Basutoland, was delayed some days by a heavy fall of snow, which blocked the passes and rendered marching slow and tedious. Though Basutoland may be said to be 150 miles by 50 miles in size, the eastern side of its breadth is scarcely inhabited on account of the extreme cold an-

of the inaccessible character of the mountd ains. The most thickly populated districts of the little country extend nearly along its whole length, but are of a breadth of about thirty miles only—the thirty miles to the north-west - and lying next to the Orange Free State. It is from the Free State, then, that Basutoland can be most easily entered, and its chief stations, which lie within a few hours of the Free State border, most safely and easily reached. There are other routes from the south, but they present great difficulties to the march of troops, and are open to grave objections from a military point of view.

The Basutos are mostly remnants of tribes who were driven before the Kaffirs. Early in the century they took refuge in the mountain fastnesses of Basutoland to 2 escape the pitiless soldiery of the Zulu conquerer Chaka. It was on the steep and rocky hill of Thaba Bosigo that Moshesh. the first parmount chief of the Basutos, rallied the starved and desperate men of the different clans of his race, made a successful stand against the Zulus, and laid the foundation of the Basuto nation. To speak of the Basutos as equal or nearly Fire Proof Store, cor. King and Nauanu Sts., Honolulu. equal to the Zulus in fighting qualities, as is sometimes done, is a mistake. The Basutos lack the discipline, the reckless bravery, and the taste for fighting possessed by the Zulu soldiers. The Basutos have no military organization, merely turning out or being turned out by their chiefs for fighting by tribes and clans. They are not soldiers like the Zulus were before the Zulu army was broken up, but are merely hardy mountaineers. Unlike the Zulus, the Basutos fight, as a rule, mounted, possessing hardy and active ponies, which make light the difficulties of the mountain tracks of their country. Almost all the Basutos have taken to clothing, partly from their progress in civilization and partly from the severe climate of their land. The military trait to be remarked in the Basutos is their aptitude for fortifying or enschoncing themselves, and the intelligence with which they strengthen any position they may desire to hold. Indeed, the colonists' difficulties will probably commence when the Basutos, worsted in the open, betake themselves to their mountain strongholds. Thaba Bosigo, the stronghold now held by the chief Masupha, is a good example of a Basuto position. It is an isolated hill about 400 feet high, with a flat or table top, and with sides scraped away by natural causes. The table is only accessible by three or four paths. Some of these paths are said to have been rendered inaccessible, others to be barred by lines of schanzes, or stone barricades. On the mountain are good pastures to graze the cattle, plenty of water and stores of grain and ammunition.

## -London Telegraph. Salmon Propagation.

Millions of salmon eggs are now being shipped from the Pacific coast for distribution in the Eastern and foreign States. They are collected from the Government propagating establishment on the McCloud river, and transmitted overland in cars especially fitted for the purpose. Arriving at Chicago, they are examined, and such as are found in good condition are distributed from that city as a centre, in accordance with the orders received. So perfect are the means of transportation that few indeed are found in other than a perfect state, Of foreign countries, Canada, Holland, Germany, France and England are all receiving large shipments under the directions of their different fish Commissioners, and in addition large quantities of the ova are consigned to private individuals abroad. So far as the United States are concerned, the work is one of universal and commendable charity, designed to put a cheap and nutritious food within the reach of all. The government pays all the cost of gathering. preparing and shipping the eggs, the con-signees paying only the charges of trans-portation. It is such acts as these on the part of a nation whose broader policy recognizes that prosperity or distress to one country is measurably prosperity or distress to all others, that makes more strongly for general progress and improvement than all the dictates of self-seeking expediency.

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